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SUBJECT: SITREP SFM 001

REF: A) KONTOS/THORNE PHONECON 1 OCTOBER, B) SINAI 1776,
C) STATE 241691 D) SINAI 1800

1. AT THE TIME OF SUBJECT INCIDENT, AN OIL CHANGE ON THE PRIMARY GENERATOR WAS BEING PERFORMED. THIS TASK NECESSITATES STARTING THE SECONDARY GENERATOR AND TRANSFERRING THE ELECTRICAL LOAD PRIOR TO SHUTTING DOWN THE PRIMARY FOR MAINTENANCE. OUR PAST WATCH STATION PROCEDURE HAS BEEN TO MOMENTARILY TURN OFF ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND SENSOR EQUIPMENT WHEN MAKING THE ELECTRICAL CHANGEOVER TO PREVENT DAMAGE DURING THE INITIAL POWER SURGE. THE EQUIPMENT IS THEN TURNED BACK ON IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GENERATOR POWER HAS STABILIZED. THIS PROCEDURE IS REPEATED WHEN RETURNING BACK TO THE PRIMARY GENERATOR POWER.

2. IN HIS HASTE TO TURN THE EQUIPMENT BACK ON RAPIDLY DURING THE RETURN TO PRIMARY POWER, THE OPERATOR INADVERTENTLY TURNED THE FIRST CHANNEL SELECTOR SWITCH WHICH IS DIRECTLY ABOVE THE ON-OFF SWITCH. IN TESTING TO INSURE THAT THE PORTATALE EDIIPMENT WAS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, THE OPERATOR DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS NO POWER AND REALIZED THAT HE HAD TURNED THE WRONG SWITCH. AFTER RESTORING POWER TO THE PORTATALE, HE ATTEMPTED TO RESET THE CHANNEL SELECTOR TO WHAT HE

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THOUGHT WAS THE CORRECT SETTING.

3. PROCEDURAL CHANGES WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO PRECLUDE OCCURRENCE OF THIS TYPE INCIDENT IN THE FUTURE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AVOIDANCE OF POWER SURGE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY USE OF BREAKER BOX INHWSNERATOR ROOM VERSUS TURNING EQUIPMENT ON AND OFF IN THE OPERATIONAL AREW.

B. PORTATALE CHANNEL SELECTOR SETTINGS FOR EACH SENSOR FIELD HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AND ARE RETAINED AT EACH WATCH STATION.

C. INITIATION OF A SYSTEM WHEREBY THE OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE PERIODIC CHECKS OF CHANNEL SETTINGS ON PORTATALES DURING EACH SHIFT. THIS SYSTEM WILL BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RESTRAINING DEVICE TO MAINTAIN THE CORRECT CHANNEL SETTINGS.

4. AN INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE NEED AND FEASIBILITY OF OTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES SUCH AS, FAIL SAFE SWITCHES OR PROTECTIVE COVERS, ETC., WHICH COULD BE EMPLOYED TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THIS INCIDENT.

5. OPERATOR IN THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN SCHOOLED AND CAUTIONED AGAINST LETTING THIS OCCUR AGAIN.
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